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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JOHN EGER, ACTING DIRECTOR, OTP.

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REFTEL B) CONTAINS TEXT OF EGER LETTER FOR TRANSMITTAL
TO MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS. EGER HAD SENT LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR BUT UNDERSTANDS IT HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS TRANSMITTED HERewith:

THE HONORABLE VIRON P. VAKY, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, BOGOTA,
COLOMBIA

DEAR AMBASSADOR VAKY:

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT MORE THAN A MONTH HAS
PASSED BY SINCE WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING YOU ON
THE FINAL LEG OF OUR TRIP. I AM JUST NOW GETTING DOWN
TO THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING WHAT WE LEARNED DURING
OUR VISIT AND I AM ENCOURAGED BY AT LEAST OUR
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENTS. I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY THANK
YOU FOR YOUR CANDID APPRAISAL OF THE COLOMBIAN POLITICAL,
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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT SINCE IT PROVIDED ME AND

MY COLLEAGUES WITH AN INSIGHT THAT CAN ONLY BE GAINED BY ONE WHO IS IN-COUNTRY AND INVOLVED ON A DAILY BASIS WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT THOSE OF US IN WASHINGTON ONLY SEE IN REPORTS AND CABLES.

I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY MR. DREXLER, YOUR DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, WHO PROVIDED US WITH A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE COLOMBIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITUATION. I PLAN TO WRITE TO HIM DIRECTLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WILL INCLUDE A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST.

ONE FINAL NOTE, WE DID FIND SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT OF THE RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM AND THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH ARE MOUNTING WITH REGARD TO THE ALLOCATION OF THIS DIMINISHING RESOURCE. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS BROAD INTEREST AND CONCERN, THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND THIS OFFICE ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN PREPARATION OF A VIDEO TAPE SERIES OF INSTRUCTIONAL SEMINARS WHICH WE PLAN TO PRESENT TO LATIN AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRIES AND INTERESTED ENTITIES. THIS PRESENTATION WILL POINT UP THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WE FACE IN THE CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF RADIO FREQUENCIES. WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN KEEPING YOU ADVISED ON OUR PROGRESS IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS.

SHOULD YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE COMING TO WASHINGTON ANYTIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF RETURNING THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF AFFORDED US DURING OUR VISIT.

SINCERELY, JOHN EGER, ACTING DIRECTOR SISCO

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